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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
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ENTRY DATE MAR 28 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Franklin County Seminary

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
412 Fifth Street

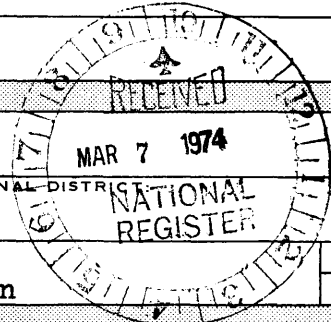
CITY OR TOWN:
Brookville 47012

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
18

STATE:
Indiana

COUNTY:
Franklin

CODE:
047



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Franklin County Historical Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 192

CITY OR TOWN:
Brookville

STATE:
Indiana

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18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Recorder's Office, Courthouse, Brookville, Indiana 47012

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey by The Franklin County Historical Society

DATE OF SURVEY: **November 11, 1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
The Franklin County Historical Society, Inc.

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W add.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

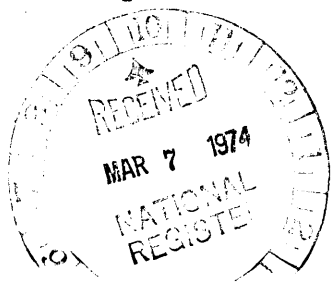
I. ORIGINAL CONDITION: The Franklin County Seminary is a two story Federal style building containing four rooms, each approximately twenty feet square and a central hall approximately seven feet wide. No detailed contracts exist for the construction of the exterior of the Franklin County Seminary, nor are there details for the construction of the cupola. However, the following was the contract for the interior of the buildings: "Lay all the floors in the said Seminary with good oak or ash plank to be tongued and grooved, broken jointed, the boards not to exceed six inches in width, when worked, the plank to be one inch and a quarter thick; to find the materials and put up one open newal staircase the steps and rise of ash timber, the hand rail to be straight and the hand rail banister and posts to be of walnut or cherry, the newal to be turned. To find the materials and case four doors, and make and hang four six panel doors to be one inch and a half thick and hung with hinges with a thumb latch on each door. To case and finish twenty-six, fifteen light windows. And to put up and finish all the necessary wash boards. Also to put up and finish four plain chimney pieces. To find the materials and lathe and plaster the whole house, to be two coats of plastering, the lathing to be cut with a gauge not to exceed one and a half inches in width. To be completed on or before the first day of July 1830."

II. MODIFICATIONS: In 1860, when the building was acquired by the School Trustees of Brookville, the fireplaces were removed and the building repaired. Between 1910-1915, probably 1913 (after a flood), the cupola was removed, a three room addition was placed on the back, and a porch added. The 1913 flood ruined the floor in the lower East room and it was replaced with a pine floor. The joists for the floor in the lower West room in the southeast corner also have given away partially. A cupola, built in 1840, is gone but old photographs of it exist, and its bell is in the possession of the Historical Society.

III. PRESENT CONDITION: The present condition has changed little from the original appearance. The flooring in all rooms but one is original as is the staircase. Two interior doors are original. One of the upper rooms contains painted-on-blackboard.

This building has undergone some degree of mothballing to protect its exterior wood. Since so much of the building is brick, little external structural modifications have occurred, except for the making of two rear windows into doors for the three room addition. The addition is still there. About one-half of the 360 panes of glass are original. The exterior brick needs painting and silicone protection for the soft red brick. The interior had undergone few modifications. Some flooring has been replaced. Most interior wood, the stair case and 3 interior doors are original and there are signs of a blackboard in the upper West room.

Several years ago a modern roof was put on the building, and there are signs of rotting about the eaves.



S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Started 1828, completed 1830**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This structure is a two story brick Federal building, one of the earlier ones constructed in Brookville, and one of the few remaining there. It is the only surviving Federal type county seminary in Indiana, although this style represented the majority of such structures. The Franklin County building is one of six known surviving seminaries, and those others were built later and have undergone extensive remodeling. Its workmanship reflects pioneer Indiana construction methods, including pegged joints, interior brick walls, tongued and grooved floors and a delicate stairwell. The building reflects an austere exterior with touches of interior refinement typical of period seminary architecture.

The Franklin County Seminary was an undifferentiated secondary school to fulfill the requirements of Sections Two and Three of Article Nine of Indiana's 1816 Constitution. Sixty three Indiana County Seminaries were constructed and lots acquired in ten more counties, reflecting 73 of the then 91 counties with seminary programs, being 80% effective. The Franklin County Seminary, authorized in 1829 and incorporated in 1830, opened in 1831 and closed as a County Seminary by mandate of the 1851 Constitution.

While Indiana's system offered only general guidelines and legislation was introduced more to correct abuses than regulate, Indiana's 1816 Constitution mandated county seminaries, the first state constitution to do so. The County Seminary was to be the second level of public education, with common schools and a State Seminary completing the constitutional requirements. Schools of all levels were to be established "as soon as circumstances will permit." Responsibility for the building's construction was vested with the seminary trustees; tuition generally was charged to pay teachers and maintain programs. Indiana traces the origin of county Seminaries to John Badollet, a friend of Albert Gallatin. Badollet, in a letter dated September 10, 1823, to Gallatin (Thornbrough, Gayle, edit., The Correspondence of John Badollet and Albert Gallatin, 1804-1826, p. 262) stated: "I introduced with that view the 2d 3d 4th & 5th Sections of Article Nine" of Indiana's 1816 Constitution. Section 3 called for the County Seminary system. Other state constitutions do not suggest a public policy towards such schools of higher learning, although it is possible that local option established such a public secondary school system through locally chartered seminaries.

The Franklin County Seminary, to be preserved with the theme of developmental educational history in mind, serves as a physical link in the area of secondary education history.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. A History of Education in Indiana by Richard A. Boone, New York, 1892, especially chapter 5 "Seminaries and Academies" pp 42-58.
2. State of Indiana Thirty-Fourth Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, being the Thirteenth Biennial Report, and for the years ending 8/31/1885 and 8/31/1886, John W. Holcombe, Superintendent Indianapolis 1886.

Part Second "Historical Review of Education in Indiana by Hubert M. Skinner, Barnabas C. Hobbs, Mary Gay Humphreys, IV The County Seminary

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (continued)

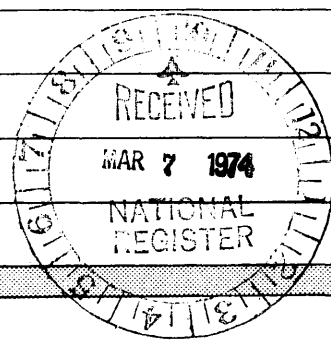
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 165 ft. x 165 ft. 5/8 of an acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John J. Newman, Museum Committee member

ORGANIZATION: **The Franklin County Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **Jan. 5, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 201

CITY OR TOWN: **Brookville** STATE: **Indiana 47012** CODE: **047**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Joseph D. Cloud
Title: Indiana State Liaison Officer
Date: March 1, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Martensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/28/74

ATTEST:
Charles Adams
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-22-74

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Epoch, pp 29-35 (H.M.S.) especially pp. 29 and 33.

3. August J. Reifel, History of Franklin County, Indiana (Indianapolis, 1915), pp. 375-380.

4. John J. Newman, The Brookville Democrat, Brookville, Indiana, 8/14/69 p. 1, 8/21/69 p. 2, 8/28/69 p. 2, 9/4/69 p. 2.

5. In addition to the source cited in the text, (#8) the following are helpful in indicating sources for the constitutional mandate for county seminaries in Indiana's 1816 Constitution. For a compilation of all state constitutions, charters and amendments, through 1906, see: Francis N. Thorpe, The Federal and State Constitutions (Washington, D. C., 1909) For a detailed analysis of Indiana's 1816 and 1851 Constitutions, including debates and copies of the Constitutions, see Charles Kettleborough Constitution Making in Indiana, (Indianapolis, 1916) Vol. I, 1790-1851. For constitutional sources of the 1816 Constitution, see Barnhart, John D., "Sources of Indiana's First Constitution," Vol. XXXIX, March, 1943, Indiana Magazine of History, pp. 55-94, especially p. 88.

